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**Box PATENT APPLICATION**  
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Re: New U.S. Patent Application

Title: METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR TRANSACTION RECORD DELIVERY USING  
THRESHOLDS AND MULTI-STAGE PROTOCOL  
Inventor: Marc E. Strohwig, et al.

Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 37 pages including cover sheet, 5 independent claims and 16 claims total.
2. Drawings - 14 sheets of informal drawings (Figures 1-8).

Applicant claims the right to priority based on Provisional Patent Application No. 60,146,593 filed July 30, 1999. Applicants are filing this utility application on July 31, 2000 (a Monday).

This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f). Applicant awaits notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration.

Please accord this application a serial number and filing date.

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